

# Quidhampton Village Newsletter

July and August 2015

## What's On in July *Quidhampton events in bold*

\*More information elsewhere in newsletter

**Thursday 2** : the poetry of George Herbert and R S Thomas, talk at Cathedral School.  
Book at 321771

**Thursday 2:monthly quiz, The White Horse Inn. Food from 18.00, quiz from 20.00**

**Friday 3:** dress down day St John's school: take cakes, homemade sweets etc

**Saturday 4: Village fete coffee morning 11.15** - see below

**Saturday 4:** St Michael's church charity stall at the Wishing Well, Salisbury Donations collected by Rev Susan Drewitt: 652751

**Saturday 4** : Wilton Carnival, Wilton Shopping Village 12.30 – 17.30

Saturday 4: School fete St John's Bemerton 14.00 – 16.00

**Friday 10: Sarum Morris at The White Horse from 20.00**

**11 & 12 July: Wimbledon finals weekend. Watch in The Loft with strawberries and cream, afternoon teas, prosecco cocktails. Contact The White Horse for details: 744448**

**Tuesday 14: Parish Council meeting Quidhampton Village Hall 19.30** \*

**Thursday 16:** Bemerton Local History Society: films about Bemerton and Salisbury 19.00  
Hedley Davis Court

**Friday 17:** end of term Sarum Academy

**Saturday 18:** Parish Treasure Hunt 14.30 St Michael's, ending at community centre for cream tea and prizes £5 per car

**Monday 20: Village Hall AGM Quidhampton Village Hall 19.30** \*

**Wednesday 22** : end of term St John's school Bemerton

## What's On in August

**Thursday 6: monthly quiz,**  
**The White Horse Inn.**

**Saturday 22:** St Michael's charity stall  
– as 4 July

**Saturday 22: possible village fete**  
– see below

**St John's latest: Salisbury Council Grant may save the day.**

More than £32,000 of the last £40,000 needed for phase one has been raised. Council grants decided on 13 July. Watch notice board and email for news

## **Will Quidhampton have a summer fete?**

### **Last chance message from The White Horse**

We are still happy to run a fete on 22 August but there has been little specific confirmed support.

We imagine a simple traditional fete, a nice couple of hours for people to get together, drink tea (or something stronger), and catch up while having an enjoyable time.

Stalls could include: tombola, coconut shy, bric a brac, books, games, competitions, teas.

If you can commit to one of these come along to **a coffee morning on Saturday 4 July at the pub at 11.15.** That's organising or helping, and we need to know what time you can give on the day.

**OR** email us **OR** write it on paper (if you tell us over the bar, we will forget!)

If we can rally enough support Quidhampton will have a fete this year.

## **Parish Council Meeting: change of date**

The next parish council meeting is on **Tuesday 14 July at 19.30** in the village hall.

The agenda will include the village hall and an application for planning permission to build a two bedroomed house at Pennard.

**There is a vacancy for a co-opted member** following the resignation of Victoria Frank. Clare Churchill, clerk to the parish council, writes:

*If anyone is interested please contact me. Unless an election is requested the vacancy may be filled by co-option at the next meeting.*

*Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and satisfy at least one of the following:*

- be a local government elector for the Parish of Quidhampton;*
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, as owner or tenant*
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had their principal or only place of work in the parish;*
- have resided in the parish during the whole of the previous 12 months*

Contact details for Clare are on the back page.

## **Items from previous meetings**

The parish council members are : **Viv Bass, Paul Cripps, Chris Edge, Charles Frank, Victoria Frank** (later resigned), **Caroline Hampson, Howard Rowley, Dave Roberts and Ken Taylor**

**All officers and representatives were re-appointed.** See minutes of meeting on village notice board for details.

**20 mph speed limit update:** metro counts will be in place at several locations in the village before the school holidays to record the speed of traffic in the village. If it is too high it will not be considered practical to establish a 20 mph limit.

**Planning application** to build a three bedroomed house in grounds of Pennard:

the parish council decided to object because of insufficient parking provision, increase in traffic onto Lower Road where parked cars reduce visibility, loss of light to Hope Cottage, removal of screening between the property and recreation ground and because it was not consistent with Wiltshire Council Core Strategy and Rural Housing Survey.

## **Palestinian Cycle Ride**

Matt Eyre, son of well known Quidhampton greetings card maker, Sandie Smith, is attempting an unusual fund raiser: a cycle ride across the West Bank in Palestine this September to raise funds for Medical Aid for Palestine.

He writes:

*MAP provides health and medical care to Palestinians most affected by conflict, occupation and displacement. Most of its work is carried out in the Gaza Strip and refugee camps in Lebanon. The majority of those it helps are children and people with disabilities. It responds rapidly in times of crisis as well as working directly with communities on long term development. I have visited Palestine a number of times and seen first-hand the brilliant work they do. I will be cycling 275km in five days from Nablus to Jerusalem, via Qalqilya, Ramallah, Jericho, Hebron and Bethlehem in an attempt to raise at least £2,000. It may not sound a great distance but it will be hot and dusty and, as anyone familiar with the geography of the Holy Land will tell you, it is a land of many hills and military checkpoints.*

*With thanks and best wishes, Matt*

It is so easy for us to forget the dangers and struggles ordinary people face every day in other parts of the world. Help Matt to make a difference by visiting his Just Giving page at [www.justgiving.com/matt-eyre](http://www.justgiving.com/matt-eyre) to find out more and/or make a donation. He is covering all the costs of the trip himself so **every pound raised will go straight to MAP.**

## Quidhampton Village Hall: “something must be done!”

As St John’s church is saved from closure another crisis hits the village. Our village hall, from the same era and with as much history as the church, is no longer economically viable, reports the village hall treasurer, John Cater.

The Parish AGM in May heard that the hall has been running at a loss for six of the last seven years even though Pete Dawson, the previous treasurer, did most of the maintenance at no charge.

Last year the income from bookings was lower than ever (£692 compared to £1200 average from 2002 – 2009) and essential refurbishments were carried out in the kitchen and cloakrooms. Grants helped with the costs but matched funding had to be provided. Money was donated from the summer fete and the Parish Council contributed £150 but the rest had to be taken from the reserves.

**Reserves** are now £1694.

**Annual cost** of running the hall (insurance, cleaning, utilities): approx £1600

**Income** from booking fees and the 100 Club last year: £912

You don’t have to be a mathematical genius to work out that something must be done.

John lists these options, none of them easy:

- run fund raising events every year
- ask the Parish Council for an annual grant towards hall costs
- expand membership of the 100 Club and increase the use of the hall
- keep all profits from the 100 Club for the hall\*
- close the hall

\*The 100 Club was set up to support the hall but profits were split when the Entertainments Committee was formed. That Committee no longer exists and the Entertainments Fund now has more money than the hall reserves.

Other ideas very welcome.

**Have your say:**

**14 July:** Parish Council meeting: the village hall is on the agenda

**20 July:** Village Hall AGM

Both meetings are in the village hall (where else?!) at 19.30

## Beer festival:

### message from Zoe and Nick:

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our first Beer Festival! What a weekend we had with great beers, great music, great weather and a lot of fun and laughter.

*Editor: I told a friend he should try the green beer. He thought I meant something grown organically and made using solar energy.*

*No, I said, it’s the colour green. And it was!*

### June 100 Club winners

1st 109 Ian Lovett

2nd 167 T Chappell

3rd 32 Ted Thornton

## Children’s Pumpkin Party

Marie Young and Joy Wagstaff write:

An October party is planned for children of the village. To avoid a clash with

Halloween we have chosen **Saturday 17**

**October**. There will be a children’s pumpkin competition so get those pumpkin plants planted! More details in later newsletters.

If you would like to help with the organisation do get in touch with Marie Young or Joy Wagstaff (via the editor if necessary)

Some villages have Pumpkin Days, perhaps something Quidhampton could consider for the future.

**Deaths** Sadly there are two deaths to announce this month.

**Barbara Strange of The Coolins** died on 3 June, aged 84. She was cremated in a wicker coffin, befitting someone who was founder member and secretary of Quidhampton Gardening Club. Barbara and her husband Ron moved to The Coolins in 1994, into the house where her parents had lived for thirty years. She was here during the heyday of the Village Entertainments Committee and loved taking part in their shows. Declining health meant she eventually had to leave Quidhampton for a carehome but many villagers remember her and the enthusiasm she put into all her activities.

**Janet Singleton of Sig House** died in Salisbury Hospice on Sunday 21 June with her husband Keith at her side. Her funeral is on 7 July at Salisbury crematorium, afterwards at The White Horse. No flowers, donations to Salisbury Hospice.

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**Bus service:** at the beginning of June the R3 bus combined with the Wilton Park and Ride service and became PR3 bus. All local bus passes are valid and it stops at all stops, including a new one outside Wilton Garden centre.

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**Salisbury Household Recycling Centre on Churchfields** will close on Thursdays and Fridays from 13 July. All recycling centres in Wiltshire will close on two days a week from that date.

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**Found in Quidhampton Playground:** Percy the engine (the green one) and a Liverpool football. Contact the editor to claim them.

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This newsletter is sponsored by a resident of Lower Road in memory of her mother whose birthday was in August, and who is still missed every day.

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**Problems with HGVs:** contact PC Jung or leave a note in the black box.

**Village Hall bookings:** Sabine Dawson 742843 (not Sundays)

**Community Emergency Volunteer:**

John Cater 744079

**Floodwarden:**

Ken Taylor 742456

## Waste and recycling dates

6 July: Recycling

9 July: Garden waste (chargeable)

13 July Household waste

20 July: Recycling

23 July: Garden waste (chargeable)

27 July: Household waste

Recycling : 3, 17, 31 August

Garden waste 6, 20 Aug, 3 Sept

Household Waste 10 & 24 August, 7 Sept

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